Public Service

Employment of women in Government departments.

* 479 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many departments of the Government women are being employed;

(*b*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to employ women in other departments; and

(*c*) what the rules are for selecting women for Government service?

A.—(*a*) Women are being employed in a number of posts in the Educational, Medical, Fisheries, Jails and Labour departments and in some stray posts in the Public Health, Agricultural, Police and Judicial departments and in the offices of the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, and the Stipend Pay Office, Vellore, and in the Government House Dispensary.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the special rules for the various services under the control of this Government which are printed in the Madras Services Manual, Volumes I and II, copies of which are available in the Secretariat library.

Mr. M. Devadasan:—"I find in the answer that ladies are appointed to 'some stray posts in the Public Health, Agricultural, Police and Judicial departments.' May I know what is the kind of 'stray posts' to which ladies are appointed in these departments?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"Yes, stray posts—here and there (Laughter)."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, the reasons why they are appointed only to these stray posts and not to others. Is it because a sufficient number of applications is not forthcoming or due to any other cause?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I have no information."

Administration of Justice

Proposal to provincialize the service of Official Receivers.

* 480 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplate the idea of making Official Receivers provincial servants on a permanent pay; and

(*b*) if so, when that proposal is likely to come into effect?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Proposals as to the best method of recruitment to the post of Official Receivers and the conditions governing the service are under consideration.